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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

ELGIZOLI AHMED,) No. C 07-06278 SI

Plaintiff,)

v.)

MICHAEL MUKASEY, in his official) JOINT REQUEST TO BE EXEMPT FROM
 capacity as Attorney General of the United) FORMAL ADR PROCESS; PROPOSED
 States; MICHAEL CHERTOFF, Secretary) ORDER
 of the Department of Homeland Security;)
 EMILIO GONZALEZ, Director of U.S.)
 Citizenship and Immigration Services;)
 ROBERT S. MUELLER III, Director of the)
 Federal Bureau of Investigation;)
 CHRISTINA POULOS, Director of the)
 California Service Center,)
 Defendants.)

Each of the undersigned certifies that he or she has read either the handbook entitled
 "Dispute Resolution Procedures in the Northern District of California," or the specified portions of
 the ADR Unit's Internet site <www.adr.cand.uscourts.gov>, discussed the available dispute
 resolution options provided by the court and private entities, and considered whether this case might
 benefit from any of them.

Here, the parties agree that referral to a formal ADR process will not be beneficial because
 this action is limited to Plaintiff's request that this Court render a decision on his application for

1 naturalization. Given the substance of the action and the lack of any potential middle ground, ADR
2 will only serve to multiply the proceedings and unnecessarily tax court resources. Accordingly,
3 pursuant to ADR L.R. 3-3(c), the parties request the case be removed from the ADR Multi-Option
4 Program and that they be excused from participating in the ADR phone conference and any further
5 formal ADR process.

6 Dated: March 11, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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8 United States Attorney

9 /s/
10 MELANIE L. PROCTOR
11 Assistant United States Attorney
Attorneys for Defendants

12 Dated: March 11, 2008

13 /s/
14 ERICH KEEFE
Attorney for Plaintiff

15 **ORDER**

16 Pursuant to stipulation, IT IS SO ORDERED.

17 Dated:

18 SUSAN ILLSTON
19 United States District Judge